Materials 4D

For Life Web Participants

Copy both pages, cut slips apart, then distribute to participating students.	Bacteria Enriches soil by helping to decay dead things.	Bacteria E. coli Lives in people's guts where it helps break down food.	Fungi Gets its energy and enriches soil as it breaks down dead wood.
House fly Its larvae (maggots) get energy from food waste and dead ani- mals and enrich soil.	Dermestid beetle They get their energy by turning dead animals into compost.	Lava tube beetle Scavenges insect remains in lava tubes. Bacteria and fungi break down its feces.	Wheat stem sawfly Its larvae eat Great Basin wildrye. Sawflies are eaten by birds and other insects.
Great Basin wildrye Eaten by many mammals.	Dwarf mistletoe A parasite on limber pine trees that is sometimes eaten by deer and elk; produces berries that American robins and cedar waxwings eat.	Limber pine Their seeds are eaten by Clark's nutcrackers and golden-mantled ground squirrels. They need soil to grow and nutcrackers to disperse their seeds.	Sagebrush Has medicinal uses and is eaten by pronghorn and sage grouse
Antelope bitterbrush Important to deer and yellow pine chipmunks for food.	American robin Eats berries and worms; requires trees to nest in.	Sage grouse Eat and live in sage-brush; eaten by eagles.	Cedar waxing Eats many different types of berries; disperses the seeds of mistletoe; eaten by hawks.

Sharp-shinned hawk Eats birds and requires trees to nest in.	Lewis mockorange Needs sunlight and soil to live; Indians used its straight stems to make arrows.	Serviceberry Deer and golden- mantled ground squir- rels eat and disperse its leaves and berries.	Golden currant Yellow pine chipmunks and goldenmantled ground squirrels eat its berries.
Yellow pine chipmunk Eats many seeds and fruits; eaten by hawks and other predators; likes to live near trees.	Golden-mantled ground squirrel Eats many seeds and fruits; eaten by hawks and other predators.	Earthworm Decomposes organic matter; eaten by robins and shrews.	Grasshoppers Eats many grasses and feeds shrews.
Vagrant shrew Only 2 inches long, it eats any animal smaller than itself; eaten by skunks and gopher snakes.	Striped skunk Lives on bird eggs, small mammals, nuts, berries; nothing but great horned owls can eat it.	Sun The source of energy for life on Earth. Plants make food with sunlight, water, carbon dioxide, and soil nutrients.	Great horned owl The most powerful owl in North America; will eat many mammals, birds, and reptiles.
Golden eagle Top of the food chain; eats rodents and large birds.	Pika Makes hay bales out of grass and feeds on them during winter.	Grasses Seeds and stems eaten by many animals. Needs soil to grow.	Human
Indian paintbrush Grows best with other plants like sagebrush; hummingbirds pollinate its flowers.	Rufous humming- bird Gets nectar from flowers; uses spider webs to make its nest.	Spider Eats many different kinds of insects.	Gopher snake Eats mostly rodents. Has to watch out for birds of prey.